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NOTES AND DOCUMENTS

THE LOST BURR PAPERS

Among a collection of Burr Manuscripts recently given by Mrs. Perry of Hartford, Connecticut, wife of the late President Perry, to Marietta College is Colonel Burr's "Declaration Supplementary," an application for a United States pension, dated February 5, 1833. In it he states that upon deciding to go to Europe in 1807 he "sent all my private papers" to Mrs. Alston in South Carolina. On his return these papers were shipped back to him in 1812 "in a vessel which has never since been heard of." The preface to Matthew L. Davis' *Memoirs*, stating that the author was in possession of the private and important papers belonging to Burr, was written in November, 1836. It is evident at least that very important Burr papers relating to the most interesting period of his life were not in existence. Among the lost papers Burr mentions "an extensive" correspondence with General McDougall. The basis of the pension claim was technical; the letter refers to his service in Westchester County, at Haverstraw and New Haven in opposing the landing at that point of Governor Tryon. Burr's application was refused by Secretary McLane on purely technical grounds of insufficient period of service. The original application for a pension by Burr bore the date of February 11, 1829. If relatives of General McDougall have his correspondence, more Burr material may be discovered in that quarter.

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NEWLY DISCOVERED GEORGE ROGERS CLARK MATERIAL

In April, 1912, the state auditor granted permission to the officials of the Virginia State Library to examine the documents of the auditor's office stored in the basement of the library building. Among the six to seven hundred thousand papers withdrawn and deposited in the library files were seventy packages relating to George Rogers Clark and the Illinois regiment. The papers are principally accounts and vouchers of officers and soldiers, and of the residents and merchants in the western country who furnished supplies. Accompanying the accounts are other papers of much interest. In the following brief statement of the contents of these packages, I give the titles principally as they appear on the labels, except in those cases where the packages have been broken.

Abstract of the goods taken and issued at Vincennes, 1779.

Letters in regard to the claim of Simon Nathan.